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For: PACKET SWITCH REALIZING TRANSMISSION WITH NO PACKET DELAY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 5-83283, published April 2, 1993.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-30546, published January 31, 1995.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 3-139043, published June 13, 1991.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a

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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated October 2, 2001 with an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Regarding Claims 1, 3, 9
Cited Literature 1



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Remarks:

Performing packet sequence control by using a switchboard to assign sequence numbers, as shown in Cited Literature 1, is common knowledge. A multi-level switch is also well known.

At present, no reasons for rejection of the invention found in above claims, other than the reasons stated in this Notification of Office Action, have been discovered. Should other reasons for rejection be discovered, a new Notification of Office Action will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H5-83283

Prior Art Search Results Record

Searched Fields

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Prior Art

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-30546

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H3-139043

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